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Dear GSCS Students, Families and Staff,

Some rumors, flyers and social media posts have been circulating regarding an effort to stage a walkout at one or more of our high school campuses. This is not a safe course of action. While Griffin-Spalding County Schools (GSCS) believes in First Amendment rights and personal expression in a peaceful way, we cannot allow a walkout. Our top priority is the safety and security of our students. If students exit the school building, it will disrupt instructional time, and we would not be able to ensure their safety.

Students who wish to express their views on national issues should do so in a way that does not compromise their safety, impact the instructional day or interrupt school operations. Disruption of school operations is against the student code of conduct and may result in disciplinary consequences. Also, any class time missed would not be excused. We acknowledge the value of civic engagement but recommend emailing or calling your congressman or finding other ways to express your beliefs outside of school hours and off school property. Our high school administrative teams are happy to work with student leaders to help them find safe and responsible ways to express themselves.

Parents, please discuss this matter with your students. Parents, students and staff, thank you for helping us maintain safe learning environments in our schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald Warren

GSCS Superintendent

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